



ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Mason County finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Mason County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by: (1) the Texas Forest Service that drought conditions no longer exist; or (2) the Commissioners Court or the County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.

This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.048 and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047 and/or are conducted by members belonging to a local Prescribed Burn Association and conducts prescribed burns following the proper guidelines for such burns and by filing a properly executed plan with the County Judge's Office before conducting the burn. This Order does not prohibit the use of outdoor grills that are lifted off the ground, have a lid/cover, and are fueled by propane or pellets, nor does it prohibit commercial bbq establishments from ordinary food preparations conducted outdoors.

In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 26 day of August, 2024 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Sherree Hardin

Mason County Judge

Attest: Lam Beam

90 Day Expiration:

11-24-2024